



MENAI BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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including the Annual Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1955.

During the last year, there has been a decrease in the number of births registered as compared with the figures for the preceding four years.

The death rate shows an increase on previous years but the present figure (16.0 per 1,000 population) compares favourably with the figure for the County of Anglesey. Of the causes of death the major contributing group was that associated with the heart and vascular lesions of the nervous system. There were no maternal deaths and no deaths occurred due to Respiratory Tuberculosis. Only one new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year.

From the table of infectious diseases, it will be noted that there was an epidemic of measles during the year. One case of paratyphoid and two cases of dysentery were notified.

The sanitary condition of the district, as reported by the Public Health Inspector appears satisfactory, but there are still overcrowded families living in substandard dwellings who must be considered for rehousing.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your interest, and the Clerk and Public Health Inspector for their co-operation and help.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret M. Lewis.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	825
Population (Registrar General's estimate, mid 1955)	...	2,000
Number of inhabited houses..	...	780
Number of Council Houses ...	...	158
Rateable value	...	£14,000
Sum produced by a penny rate	...	£46

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	11	15	26
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 13.0. Rates for previous years were: 1954, 15.7; 1953, 21.9; 1952, 17.8. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1955 was 15.3; England & Wales, 15.0.

The Adjusted Birth Rate for Menai Bridge was 14.3.

### Stillbirths

Nil.

### Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>32</u>

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 16.0 compared with 10.6 for 1954; 9.4 in 1953 and 11.5 in 1952. The Rate for Anglesey was 16.2; England and Wales, 11.7.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Menai Bridge for 1955 was 13.1. The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 13.6.

### Maternal Deaths

Nil.

### Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

The above figure relates to an infant who was under 4 weeks of age. Therefore, the Neo-natal Death figures are the same as the Infant Death figures.

The Infant (and Neo-natal) Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births was 38.5.

The Infant Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 43.0; England & Wales, 24.9.

The Neo-natal Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 33.0; England & Wales, 17.0.

#### TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

Cause of Death	M	F
1. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1
2. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	0
3. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1
4. Diabetes	0	1
5. Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	5
6. Coronary disease, angina..	3	0
7. Other heart disease	1	3
8. Other circulatory disease.	1	0
9. Bronchitis	1	0
10. Nephritis and nephrosis...	0	1
11. Hyperplasia of prostate...	1	0
12. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	2
13. All other accidents	1	0
Total	18	14

#### PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

##### Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year,  
classified in age groups.

Disease	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 & over
Measles	3	9	29	44	4	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

##### Tuberculosis

Only one case of tuberculosis (respiratory) was notified during the year, aged 66 years.

#### VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the District. The following figures are quoted by the courtesy of the County Medical Officer.



Vaccination against Smallpox.

A total of 19 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 3 others were re-vaccinated.

## Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1955, one vaccination was carried out in the district.

## Diphtheria Immunisation

A total number of 32 children were immunised during the year, of these, 29 were immunised against Whooping Cough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1955.

Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling houses inspected for nuisances,	
a. Number of houses visited	82
b. Number of inspections.	131
No. of drains tested with colour, water or smoke	22
Visits to work in progress	161
Interviews with owners or representatives	82
Dwelling houses where nuisances abated..	51
Visits in connection with overcrowding,,	6
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	7
Visits for disinfection of premises ...	1
Visits to premises re vermin	8
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafes, canteens and hotel kitchens	15
Visits to ice-cream premises	46
Visits to fish-friers premises	12
Visits to other food-preparing premises.	24
Visits re Shops Acts	12
Visits to workplaces	12
Visits re rats, mice and other infestation	52
Notices served,	
a. Informal...	61
b. Statutory..	1
No. of cases in which legal proceedings taken	Nil

## Infectious Diseases

Number of visits.	...	7
No. of cases in which disinfection was carried out.		1

## FOOD HYGIENE

### No. of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises).

Butchers	...	4
Grocers	...	9
Confectioners	...	7
Bakeries	...	4
Catering establishments (including cafes, restaurants, hotels)		9
Number of visits to food premises.		12
No. of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene.		1

### Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation.

No. of premises registered under Section 14 of Food and Drugs Act, 1938.		1
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits.	...	2

### Ice-Cream

Number of registered premises	...	12
Number of new applications	...	2
Number of inspections	...	24
Number of contraventions of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952.		Nil

### Fish-Friers Premises.

Number of premises registered	...	1
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits	...	4

### Milk

Number of Dairies and Distributors registered under Part III of Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.	...	6
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits to registered premises	...	6

### Slaughterhouses.

Number in District.	...	Nil
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### Knackers Yards.

Number registered	One
Number visited	30

## UN SOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	Quantity	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs
Butcher meat (including offal)	-	-	-		
Other food (inclnduing tinned food)	291	3	2	0	0

## RODENT CONTROL

All premises owned by the Council are baited every week including refuse dumps and earth embankments, also each individual complaint is investigated and attended to.

## WATER SUPPLY

No. of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:-

a. Direct to houses	...	662
b. By means of standpipes	...	4

No. of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water. 27

No. of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter. Nil.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The town sewage is disposed of direct to sea by four outfalls, the Main outfall being 2ft in diameter and the other three 9inches.

During the year a 9" sewer was laid to the new houses at Tyddyn To and further extension of 9" pipes at Cae Tros Lon.

No major schemes or improvements are contemplated at present.

All built up areas are connected to the main sewer but in the outlying areas there are:-

- 16 houses with septic tanks
- 16 houses with dry closets.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

All refuse bins are collected weekly and the arrangements with Beaumaris Corporation regarding the combined use of refuse lorry is working satisfactorily. The refuse tip at Refail Newydd is constantly receiving attention.

## OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number registered. ... None.

## HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

- (1) a. Total no. of Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 212
- b. No. of inspections made for the purpose. 260

- (2) a. Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. Nil.
- b. No. of inspections made for the purpose. Nil.



1. (3) No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... 2
- (4) No. of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... 10
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.  
No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. ... 21
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.
  - (a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
    1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. None
    2. No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
      - (a) By owners ... 1
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.
  - (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.
    - (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... Nil.
    - (2) No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.
      - a. By owners. ... Nil.
      - b. By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.
  - (c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
    - (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. ... Nil.
    - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished. Nil.
    - (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition. Nil.
    - (4) No. of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation. ... 5
  - (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
    - (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. ... None
    - (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... None.
4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part III. Section 26.  
Number of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made. ... None.



# Housing Act. 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.	8
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein.	16
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein.	48
(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	2
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	1
(ii) No. of persons concerned in such cases.	8
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	Nil.

## Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

Keeping of animals.	...	Nil
Offensive accumulations	...	1
Sanitary accommodation	insufficient ...	22
	defective ...	22
Drainage	reconstruction..	12
	repaired	26
	cleansed	101
Cesspools and septic tanks	abolished ...	Nil
	repaired ...	2
Conversions to r.c.'s	...	1
Refuse receptacles	...	20
Food Stores	...	-
Water Supplies	...	3
Walls and Ceilings	...	42
Floors	...	16
Windows and ventilation	...	12
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	...	35
Staircases	...	-
Coppers (defective)	...	-
Dampness	...	22
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	34
Yard paving	...	-
Chimneys and fireplaces	...	22
Miscellaneous	...	60

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced.	9	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies.	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	9	5	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	-	-
c. Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-	-





